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1. On 1 May 1953, the Brueckenkopf Kaserne in Wittenberg was occupied as observed previously. The radio station between Beseler Kaserne and Flak Kaserne was still located there. Rumors stated that Soviet troops will be transferred to Apollensdorf. On 1 May, the Beseler Kaserne quartered a guard detail of about 50 men. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. On 1 May, the Flak Kaserne was occupied by 80 to 100 soldiers. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. A driving school was also seen in the installation. On 1 May, the Arado plant was occupied by 400 to 500 troops. Sentries wore red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. Twelve tanks including 8 T-34/85 tanks and 4 JS-3 tanks were seen in the billeting area. Shipments that passed through Wittenberg included 2 heavy AA guns, 1 light AA gun and three carloads of boxes en route toward Halle at about 5 p.m. on 23 April and 18 flatcars with sideracks each with a 132-mm rocket launcher and 10 to 12 boxcars with troops at about 10:30 p.m. on 23 April. ² 25X1X

- 25X1A 1. Comment. Information on the vacating of the barracks installations by the 6th Tank Div, except for the unidentified tank training battalion and rear details, was confirmed by another source. Rumors on the occupation of Apollensdorf west of Wittenberg probably were connected with the transfer of the 35th Engr Regt (US) of the Third Gds Mecz Army to the Elbe River at Coswig-Priesteritz.
- 25X1A 2. Comment. The unidentified rocket launcher unit, possibly one from the area of the Eighth Gds Army or Third Gds Mecz Army, is believed to have come from firing practice at Jueterbog.

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